

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

GEORGE EDWARD CLARK,

Petitioner,

v.

NOAH NAGY,

Respondent,

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Civil No. 2:16-CV-11959

HONORABLE VICTORIA A. ROBERTS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**OPINION AND ORDER GRANTING A STAY OF THE WRIT OF HABEAS  
CORPUS PENDING APPEAL AND REFERRING THE MATTER TO PRETRIAL  
SERVICES FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND BOND RECOMMENDATION**

This matter is before the Court on Petitioner's motion for an appeal bond and for immediate release on personal recognizance. Respondent has filed a reply to the motion. Respondent opposes the motion for release and also asks this Court to grant a stay pending appeal. The motion to stay is GRANTED. The Court takes Petitioner's motion for bond under advisement and refers the matter to Pretrial Services for an investigation and recommendation in relation to the appropriate conditions for Petitioner's release.

On July 3, 2018, this Court granted Petitioner a conditional writ of habeas corpus, holding that Petitioner was denied his Fourteenth Amendment right to due process by the suppression of potentially exculpatory evidence by an Inkster Police Department detective. The Court gave respondent ninety days to retry Petitioner or release him. *Clark v. Nagy*, No. 2:16-CV-11959, 2018 WL 3239619 (E.D. Mich. July 3, 2018).

1. The motion for stay pending appeal.

There is a presumption that a successful habeas petitioner should be released from custody pending the state's appeal of a federal court decision granting habeas relief, but this presumption may be overcome if the judge rendering the decision, or an appellate court or judge, orders otherwise. *Hilton v. Braunskill*, 481 U.S. 770, 774 (1987); *Workman v. Tate*, 958 F. 2d 164, 166 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992); F.R.A.P. Rule 23(c). Because habeas proceedings are civil in nature, the general standards of governing stays of civil judgments should also guide courts when they must decide whether to release a habeas petitioner pending the state's appeal. *Hilton*, 481 U.S. at 776.

The factors regulating the issuance of a stay are:

- (1) whether the stay applicant has made a strong showing that he is likely to succeed on the merits;
- (2) whether the applicant will be irreparably injured absent a stay;
- (3) whether the issuance of the stay will substantially injure the other parties interested in the proceeding; and
- (4) where the public interest lies.

*Hilton v. Braunskill*, 481 U.S. at 776; *Workman v. Tate*, 958 F. 2d at 166.

In determining whether to grant a stay, a federal court may also consider “[t]he State’s interest in continuing custody and rehabilitation pending a final determination of the case on appeal ...; it will be strongest where the remaining portion of the sentence to be served is long, and weakest where there is little of the sentence remaining to be served.” *Hilton*, 481 U.S. at 777.

Although this Court disagrees with Respondent’s claim that he made a strong

showing that he is likely to succeed on the merits of the case on appeal, the Court grants Respondent a stay pending appeal; “[i]t would be a waste of judicial resources for the appeal to proceed in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, while simultaneously requiring the State to grant relief to Petitioner.” *Williams v. Booker*, 715 F. Supp. 2d 756, 770 (E.D. Mich. 2010); *rev’d on other grds*, 454 F. App’x. 475 (6th Cir. 2012). Accordingly, the the motion for stay pending appeal is GRANTED.

2. The motion for bond pending appeal.

The Court takes Petitioner’s motion for bond under advisement and refers the matter to Pretrial Services for an investigation and recommendation in relation to the appropriate conditions for Petitioner’s release. *See e.g. Newman v. Metrish*, 300 F. App’x. 342, 343-44 (6th Cir. 2008).

**ORDER**

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

Respondent’s Motion for a Stay Pending Appeal [Dkt. # 21] is GRANTED.

Petitioner’s Motion for Bond [Dkt. # 19] is taken under advisement. The matter is referred to Pretrial Services for an investigation and recommendation in relation to the appropriate conditions for Petitioner’s release.

**s/ Victoria A. Roberts**  
**HONORABLE VICTORIA A. ROBERTS**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Dated: 8/2/18

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this document was served on the attorneys of record and George Edward Clark by electronic means or U.S. Mail on August 2, 2018.

s/Linda Vertriest  
Deputy Clerk